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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
12 Plaintiff,
13 v.
14 APPROXIMATELY 10.19321397
BITCOIN,
15 Defendant.
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2:21-CV-02353-TLN-DB

FINDINGS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS

17 This matter came before the Honorable Magistrate Judge Deborah Barnes on the United States'
18 *ex parte* motion for default judgment. There was no appearance by or on behalf of any other person or
19 entity claiming an interest in the above-captioned defendant cryptocurrency to oppose the United
20 States' motion. Based on the United States' motion and the files and records of the court, THE
21 COURT FINDS as follows:

- 22 1. This action arose out of a Verified Complaint for Forfeiture *In Rem* filed December 17,
23 2021.
24 2. The United States has moved this Court, pursuant to Local Rule 540, for entry of default
25 judgment of forfeiture against potential claimants Tarun Kumar Arora, Caroline Hepworth, and
26 Binance.
27 3. The United States has shown that a complaint for forfeiture was filed; that potential
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claimants Tarun Kumar Arora, Caroline Hepworth, and Binance received notice of the forfeiture action; that any and all other unknown potential claimants have been served by publication; and that grounds exist for entry of a final judgment of forfeiture.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED as follows:

1. That Tarun Kumar Arora, Caroline Hepworth, and Binance be held in default;
2. That the United States' motion for default judgment and final judgment of forfeiture be granted;
3. That judgment by default be entered against any right, title, or interest of potential claimants Tarun Kumar Arora, Caroline Hepworth, and Binance in the defendant cryptocurrency referenced in the above caption;
4. That a final judgment be entered, forfeiting all right, title, and interest in the defendant cryptocurrency to the United States, to be disposed of according to law;
5. That the Default Judgment and Final Judgment of Forfeiture lodged herein be signed by the Honorable Troy L. Nunley and filed by the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: _____

DEBORAH BARNES
United States Magistrate Judge